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SEGHILL
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND THE

Inspector of Nuisances,

FOR THE YEAR 1921



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SEGHILL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year ending 1921.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
SEGHILL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1921, in accordance with the Ministry of Health circular 269.

Area of District, 1,427 acres.

Population, Census in 1921, 1,981. The estimated population in 1920 being 2,010.

Number of inhabited houses, 1921: 346 Colliery, 28 Council.
Total 374.

Number of Families: 374.

Rateable Value . £8,566 5 3.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate : £35 13 10.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total.	M.	F.	Of Population.
BIRTHS.—Legitimate	53	31	22	A birth rate of 29 per 1000.
Illegitimate	6	1	5	Birth rate 1920 31·34 per 1000.
				„ „ 1919 25·30 „
				„ „ 1914 21·9 „

	Total.	M.	F.	Death rate of
DEATHS.	31	15	16.	15·06 per 1000.
			1920	„ „ 13·93 „
			1918	„ „ 16·03 „

Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of, Child-birth : 0,

Death of Infants under 1 year : Legitimate 5, illegitimate 1.

Total 6. Equals 101·6 per 1000 births. 1919, 111·1 per 1000.

No deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, or Diarrhœa.

No unusual or excessive mortality requiring comment.

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS.

Influenza.		Tuberculosis Pulmonary.		Cerebral Haemorrhage.		Heart Disease.		Arterio Sclerosis.		
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	
				Other Respiratory Diseases.		Acute and Chronic Nephritis.				
M.	F.			M.	F.			M.	F.	
0	1			1	0			2	2	
Congenital Debility.		Malformation & Premature Births.				Violence.		Other Defined Diseases		
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	3	
Notifiable Diseases.		Cases Notified.		Admitted to Hospital.		Deaths.				
Diphtheria		2		2		None.				
Scarlet Fever		13		13		None.				
Enteric Fever		1		0		None.				
Puerperal Fever		0		0		None.				
Pneumonia		5		0		None.				
Tuberculosis—		M.	F.	Total.				M.	F.	Tota
Pulmonary		1	4	5				1	2	3
Non-Pulmonary		0	1	1				None.		

The Infectious Hospital at Scaffold Hill is subscribed to by the Urban District Council in conjunction with the surrounding districts of Earsdon, Seaton Delaval, &c., for Fevers and Smallpox. Accommodation ample for the district.

No Maternity Hospital, but a specially difficult case could be sent to Newcastle. Children's Hospital also at Newcastle.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Telephone to Infectious Hospital for motor ambulance for infectious cases. Horse ambulance for non-infectious and accident cases provided by the Colliery Company and workmen.

Pathological Specimens can be examined at Newcastle when required. Anti-Diphtheria Serum provided by Council. Other Serum could possibly be provided if required.

No Acts adopted as yet.

SANITATION.

Water-borne sewerage treated at the filterbeds. Each house has a separate privy. There are still 50 privies and open ashpits, 367 combined privy and ashpits, and 38 w.c.'s. Refuse is carted to agricultural land, etc.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are now three slaughter houses licensed and inspected.

DAIRIES.

Three in number, also regularly inspected.

Houses disinfected after removal of infectious cases.

Public Health Staff consists of M.O.H. and Sanitary Inspector, both part time.

HOUSING.

The 40 houses planned by the Council have been completed now up to end of year 1921, 28 of them were occupied. A new Co-operative Store Manager's house has been erected and a large house at the Middle Farm converted into two.

Number of new houses during the year:—

(a) Total	...	...	...	...	...	1
(b) As part of a municipal housing scheme	...	...	...	...	...	28

1.—Unfit Dwelling Houses.

Inspection.—(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	20
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations	...	20
1910	...	20

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation...	0
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	0
2.—Remedy of Defects without service of formal Notice.	
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officer ...	0
3.—Action under Statutory Powers.	
A.—Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act 1919.*	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	0
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit:—	
(a) By Owners.	
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners.	0
(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by Owners of their intention to close.	0
B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
(1) Number of dwelling houses, in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	0
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied:	
(a) By Owners.	
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	0
C.—Proceedings under Section 17 and 18 of the Housing Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.	
(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	0
(2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	0
(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling houses having been rendered fit	0
(4) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	0
(5) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

PERCIVAL HENDERSON,
L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Ed., &c.,
Medical Officer of Health

Seghill Urban District Council.

June, 1922.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Sanitary Officer's Order, 1910, Art. xx (16).

Name of District: Seghill U.D. Council. Population: 1,949. Name of Inspector: JOHN DILKS.										WORK EFFECTED.											
<div>Number of Inspections made ...</div> <div>Number of Defects or Contraven- tions of Bye-laws found ...</div> <div>Number of Defects etc., out- standing from previous year ...</div> <div>Number of Informal notices by Inspector ...</div> <div>Number of Defects or Contraven- tions remedied after informal notice ...</div> <div>Number of Statutory Notices served by Local Authority ...</div> <div>Number of Defects or Contraven- tions remedied after Statutory notice ...</div>										HOUSING.				Water Supply.		Drainage.		Sanitary Conveniences.		<div>Privy Ashpits: Abolished Roofed over Repaired W.C.'s substituted Ashclosets ,</div> <div>Drainage: New drains</div> <div>Defective drains relaid dido repaired</div> <div>New traps provided Inspection chambers provided</div> <div>Water Supply: Wells closed Piped supplies provided</div> <div>Number of houses affected</div> <div>Disinfection: Houses disinfected Schools disinfected</div> <div>Unsound Food: Seized Surrendered</div> <div>River Pollution: Instances remedied S.D. Works provided</div> <div>Other matters</div>	
										Structural Defects				Insufficient		Foul		Insufficient			
										Nuisances				Unsatisfactory		Untrapped or dilapidated.		Foul			
										Overcrowding				Foul		Structural defects		Dairies and Cowsheds			
										Unfit for human habitation				Unsatisfactory		Insufficient		Slaughter Houses			
										Defective Spouting				Foul		Foul		Common Lodging-houses			
										Dampness				Unsatisfactory		Foul		Offensive Trades			
										Insufficient				Foul		Foul		Bakehouses			
										Unsatisfactory				Foul		Foul		Other Workshops			
										Foul				Foul		Foul		Nuisances from keeping of animals			
										Untrapped or dilapidated.				Foul		Foul		Paving of Yards			
										Insufficient				Foul		Foul		Other Nuisances			
										Structural defects				Foul		Foul		Totals			
										Insufficient				Foul		Foul		Totals			
Foul				Foul		Foul		Totals													
Dairies and Cowsheds				Foul		Foul		Totals													
Slaughter Houses				Foul		Foul		Totals													
Common Lodging-houses				Foul		Foul		Totals													
Offensive Trades				Foul		Foul		Totals													
Bakehouses				Foul		Foul		Totals													
Other Workshops				Foul		Foul		Totals													
Nuisances from keeping of animals				Foul		Foul		Totals													
Paving of Yards				Foul		Foul		Totals													
Other Nuisances				Foul		Foul		Totals													
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HOUSING (Inspection of District) REGULATIONS, 1910.

Seghill U.D., Council.

Seghill U.D., Council.		STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1921. Particulars for different parishes, wards or groups of parishes to be inserted in the vertical columns.								REMARKS.
Number of dwelling houses inspected		Total for whole District.								Several houses have been altered by the Colliery Company. Houses have been considerably heightened in Barras Row, also at the Pit.
" " found to be unfit		20								
Complaint that (a) by householders houses were unfit (b) by Parish Councils		0								
Closing (a) Number of representations to L.A. ...		0								
Orders (b) Number of orders made										
Number of houses (a) after notice under voluntarily sec. 28, 1919 Act closed (b) without notice		0								
Number of (a) under demolition houses orders ...		0								
demolished (b) voluntarily by owners										
Number of (a) after informal notice houses (b) after service of notice made fit (c) after closing order has for been made habitation (d) by Local Authority in default of owner		0								
General character of defects found		0								
Housing Act 1890. (a) Number of representations of obstructive buildings (b) Number of such build- ings demolished (c) Representations as to unhealthy areas (Parts I & II)		0								